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The Honorable Ken Calvert Chairman Subcommittee on Water and Power Committee on Resources U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The WateReuse Association is pleased to advise you of its support of H.R. 2828, the Water Supply Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act. We appreciated the opportunity to present testimony on this important legislation on July 24. We also appreciated the opportunity to share our views on areas in which we wish to work with the Subcommittee as it prepares to proceed to markup of the legislation.

WateReuse believes that Title I, which proposes to create a nationwide competitive grants program to support the planning, design and construction of water reuse facilities, represents an important and meaningful step toward establishing a sound and effective federal partnership with local communities. As an association with more than 275 members throughout the nation, we believe that such an approach will allow the country to prepare for the challenges posed by scarce potable water supplies.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the Subcommittee and look forward to the bill's consideration. If we can provide any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Margaret Nellor President